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EKME #: 3987148MEMORANDUM FOR THE MINISTER**PX DRAFT: PERFORMANCE AUDIT OF AQUATIC INVASIVE SPECIES
(FOR INFORMATION)****SUMMARY OF ADVICE TO MINISTER**

The purpose of this note is to provide you with information in regards to the Office of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development's (CESD) Principal's (PX) draft report for the Performance Audit of Aquatic Invasive Species (Tab 1), and to offer you a briefing on this audit, if required.

The CESD audit report is expected to be tabled in Parliament in the spring of 2019.

BACKGROUND

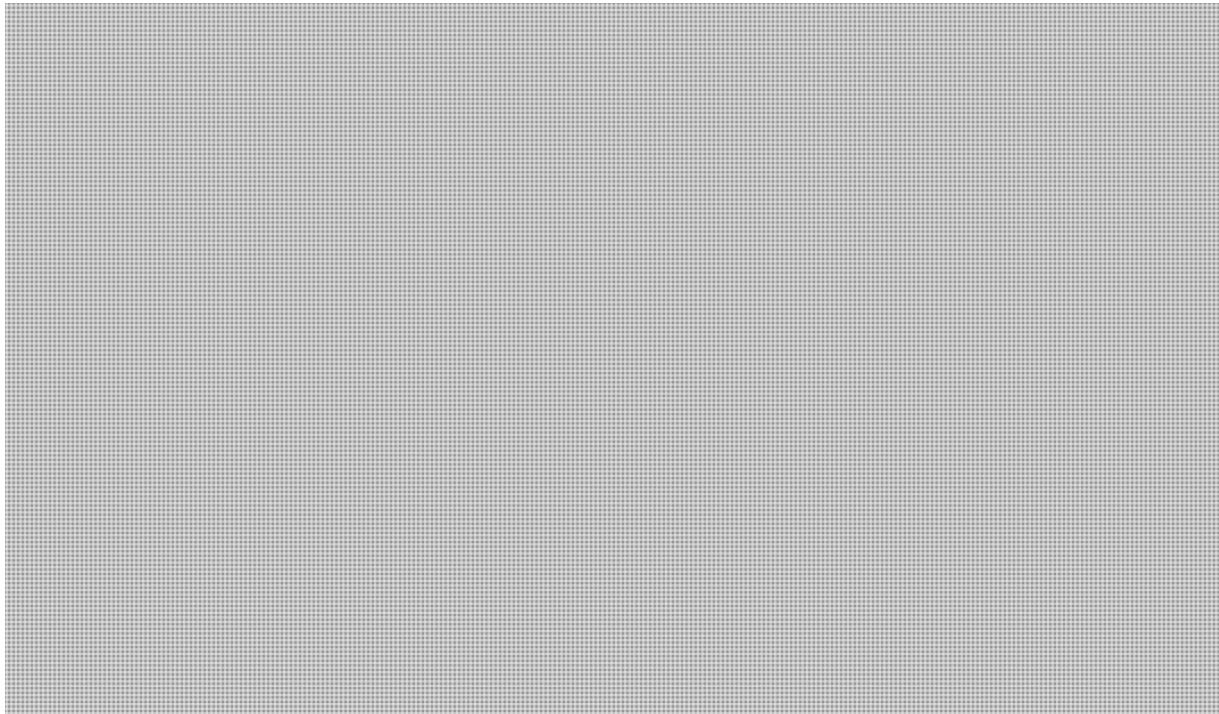
In accordance with the Treasury Board guidance with respect to the engagement of ministers on audits performed by the Office of the Auditor General (OAG) and the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (CESD), and the related departmental protocol, the purpose of this memo is to provide information on the Performance Audit of Aquatic Invasive Species, and to offer you a briefing on this audit, if required.

On January 25, 2018, the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development (CESD) advised the Department via an intent letter that they would be conducting a *Performance Audit of Invasive Species*, for tabling in the Spring 2019 Report of the CESD. During the reporting phase, the title of the audit was subsequently updated to *Performance Audit of Aquatic Invasive Species*. The CESD has completed its examination phase of the audit, and submitted a Principal's draft on October 30, 2018.



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STRATEGIC CONSIDERATIONS

In anticipation of the release of the PX draft, the CESD audit team met with DFO officials on September 28, 2018, to provide an overview of the report's preliminary findings and gaps to be addressed. More recently, a meeting between CESD and DFO was held on November 14, 2018, at which time Departmental officials had the opportunity to discuss their comments on the PX report and to provide additional context to help frame the responses to the recommendations, in advance of providing a formal written response.

The Internal Audit Directorate coordinated the preparation of the response with the relevant sectors, and sought advice and comments from the Departmental Audit Committee's (DAC) external members.

The sectors provided numerous comments on the findings, scope, recommendations, as well as the overall conclusions of the report.



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ADVICE AND RECOMMENDATIONS TO MINISTER

Departmental officials and the Internal Audit Directorate are available to provide a briefing on this audit, if required. It is recommended that your office inform the Internal Audit Directorate should you require such briefing.

The final CESD report is expected to be tabled in Parliament in the spring of 2019.

Catherine Blewett
Deputy Minister



Kevin Stringer
Associate Deputy Minister

Attachment1 (1)

1. CESD – PX Draft (OAG Controlled Document – to be returned to IAD)

Reports of the Commissioner of the Environment and Sustainable Development to the Parliament of Canada

Independent Auditor's Report

Aquatic Invasive Species

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